(d) if so, the details of the "Notice-based" flying?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of T-90 tanks from Russia

121. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T-90 tanks imported from Russia; and

(b) whether T-90 is capable of countering T-80 tanks acquired by Pakistan from Ukraine?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A total number of 310 T-90 tanks, *i.e.,* 124 Fully Formed Tanks, 86 Semi-Knocked Down (SKD) Kits and 100 Completely Knocked Down (CKD) Kits, were imported from Russia.

(b) T-90 tank is state-of-the-art tank which can be compared to any modern Main Battle Tank (MBT) in the world and is capable of countering T-80 tanks acquired by Pakistan.

Admiral Gorshkov

122. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has concluded the final deal on the acquisition of Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov, during the recent visit of our Prime Minister of Russia;

(b) whether India has the expertise to assess the sea-worthiness of Admiral Gorshkov and whether any international experts/valuers were engaged to evaluate the deal; and

(c) to what extent the acquisition of Admiral Gorshkov will enhance our naval capabilities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.